

HOUSE BILL 3165
By Winningham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 2, Part 1, relative to emergency preparedness. This act makes appropriations for providing aid to counties in carrying out their statutory duties regarding emergency management.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-110(1), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

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(i) The general assembly recognizes that the requirements of this chapter place a strain on county budgets to maintain adequate staff and resources to properly formulate and execute emergency management plans and programs, and that many counties have inadequate local resources to properly establish and maintain a county emergency management agency and perform the required statutory emergency management duties.

(ii) To aid the counties in carrying out their statutory duties under this chapter, it is the intent of the general assembly that an annual minimum statutory base amount of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) should be appropriated to each county in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.